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***Raised Bill No. 5646***

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Referred to Committee on Public Safety and Security

Introduced by:  
(PS )

***AN ACT CONCERNING VOLUNTEER SERVICE BY PAID  
EMERGENCY PERSONNEL OR PAID FIREFIGHTERS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 7-323s of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) The State Fire Administrator, within available appropriations,  
4 shall develop model guidelines, on or before January 1, 2007, to be  
5 used by municipalities with paid municipal emergency personnel and  
6 municipalities with volunteer emergency personnel in entering into  
7 agreements authorizing volunteer emergency personnel to serve  
8 during personal time.

9 (b) A municipality with paid municipal emergency personnel and a  
10 municipality with volunteer emergency personnel may enter into an  
11 agreement authorizing paid emergency personnel to serve during  
12 personal time as active members of a volunteer fire department in the  
13 municipality in which they reside. In developing such agreements,  
14 such municipalities shall consider the model guidelines developed by  
15 the State Fire Administrator pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

16     (c) The municipalities that are parties to an agreement entered into  
 17     under subsection (b) of this section may request the Labor  
 18     Commissioner, within available appropriations, to provide assistance  
 19     in resolving such issues arising out of the agreement as the  
 20     commissioner deems appropriate.

21     Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) On and after the effective date  
 22     of this section, no municipality shall enter into a contract that prohibits  
 23     paid firefighters or paid emergency personnel of such municipality  
 24     from serving as active members of a volunteer fire department in the  
 25     municipality in which such firefighters or emergency personnel reside  
 26     during personal time.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	7-323s
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

***PS***           *Joint Favorable*

***LAB***         *Joint Favorable*